

walked eight miles through the rain. The result of the conference is showing much good. If the Elders will do their part the Lord will bless their labors; we have many investigating our doctrine and the future looks bright.

The Oldham Chronicle had something to say about our conference. It was published in four different papers. They gave a fair report, showing that prejudice is being removed from the minds of the people, also the press. I enclose you the report as made in the Chronicle. [It has been published in the News the day received.]

On October 28, Elder Mark Austin was appointed to labor with me in the Oldham District, in place of Elder Joseph Nelson who has been released to return home. Elder R. R. Birchall, who is over here on a visit, is helping the Elders to spread the truth of the Gospel, and is doing much good. Anyone having friends or relatives in oldham, if they will send me the name and address, we will be pleased to visit them, as the Elders can do much good in this way. My address is Joseph S. Broadbent number 24, Sylvan St, off main road, Oldham, Lancashire, England.

The Baptist church have granted us the use of the Baptismal font to baptize in any time we wish it; and in many ways are the Latter-day Saints being looked on with favors and the great beam of prejudice is being rapidly removed by the divine plan.

I trust that every young man in Zion will prepare himself for this great and responsible work, for there are many things to be learned, and the more they can accomplish at home the better they will be when called upon to go on missions. It is one of the noblest calls that can come to them.

JOSEPH S. BROADBENT.

ELDER HUBBARD'S REPORT.

CEDAR CREEK, Tennessee,

November 2nd, 1896.

I left your city on the 13th of April, 1895, and on arriving in Chattanooga was assigned to labor in the East Tennessee conference. I first entered the county of Roane, and helped to canvass that county; a few friends were made there. Then, on the 1st of December, I started for Buncombe county, North Carolina, to open up the labor there. We found some sections of that county very friendly, and succeeded in holding quite a number of meetings. Much prejudice was removed, and some new friends were made.

About the 1st of August, 1896, we started for Cherokee county to conference, where we met twenty of our co-laborers. For three days we enjoyed a spiritual feast with our beloved President Kimball, during which time we determined to travel more strictly without money than ever before. Acting upon this resolve we all started out to our various fields of labor with renewed determination to prove the Lord. I was assigned to enter Greene county as a 'meteoric' Elder to hold meetings. Our instructions were to preach everywhere, so we began on the court house corner in Greenville, a town of 3,000 inhabitants. It was the hardest effort of my life. Since then we have preached under various circumstances, in private and public houses, at molasses mills, in front of churches from which we had been excluded, at political gatherings, etc., and at last we

found two neighborhoods where the Gospel was a welcome visitor. In company with Elder J. P. Aydelotte, a new arrival in the field, I have held a good series of meetings in each place, making many friends, and arousing considerable interest in the glorious principles of life and salvation. And still our preaching is in demand, so we will endeavor to carry on the good work. We expect a harvest here.

We find that the Lord is abundantly able and willing to bless and prosper the labors of His servants when they keep His commandments, and put their trust in Him.

Through neglect, I have been without your valuable paper since I have been in this county; please send it to me.

I remain, JAMES W. HUBBARD.

KANAB STAKE CONFERENCE.

While Elder F. M. Lyman was on his way to attend the Kanab Stake quarterly conference, soon after passing over the divide, he came to Graham Ward, which was formerly called "Upper Kanab," where he met the counselors in the stake presidency Thomas Chamberlain and Daniel Seegmiller. They held a meeting with the Saints there on the 2nd of September. On Thursday the 3rd they went down into Long Valley and met with the people of Glendale in last meeting at 10 a. m., where much good instruction was given.

From there they went to Orderville and met with the Saints at 4 o'clock p. m. giving the people there such instruction as was needed. On Friday at 9 a. m., they met with the Saints of Mt. Carmel and as at the other places much spiritual food was imparted. At this place Elder Hans C. Sorensen was chosen and set apart as second counselor to Bishop Hoskel S. Jolley of the Mount Carmel ward. The counselor whose vacancy he filled had moved to another ward. Directly after meeting was over, they and a number of others started on their way to Kanab. Having reached about half way, after considerable lugging and pulling over the hills and through the heavy sand, the animals of our company were turned out to graze, while our little company enjoyed themselves in a bounteous repast. Quills were spread out upon the sand, and upon the table cloth in the center were placed bread, butter, chicken, meat, sweet-cake, pie, grapes, water-melon, and a nice stuffed turkey. After the blessing was asked, the pleasant time we enjoyed may be imagined. After the refreshment was over, we started on our way arriving in Kanab about dusk.

Saturday the 5th at 10 a. m., conference convened in the Social hall. Elder F. M. Lyman of the Apostles, the Kanab Stake presidency, a majority of the High Council, and Bishops of nearly all the wards were present on the stand. The forenoon was taken up in giving reports from the stake president, and Bishops of the various wards, followed by Elder Lyman who felt pleased with the reports given in. He said it should be, when it can, be conveniently, that Presidents and their counselors live in the same place, so they can be handy to counsel together, whether it be for a stake, quorum, or Sabbath school, etc.

In the afternoon, Patriarch Thomas Chamberlain reported, as requested, his labors in that official capacity, after which Elder Lyman addressed the

Saints on the subject of baptism. He said it is solemn mockery before the Lord to baptize any one who does not have faith in the Lord Jesus Christ or who has not repented. It is a sin to gamble on horse racing, foot racing or card playing, and men who have not forsaken these things should not be baptized until they show to the people they have repented. When any one is to be baptized he should make a vocal covenant that he is willing to take upon him the name of Christ, and keep His commandments.

Sunday forenoon was taken up in a Sunday school conference. In this meeting the general and stake authorities were presented and unanimously sustained. Likewise was the sacrament administered. Directly after their meeting, a meeting of the S. S. officers and teachers was held, Elder Lyman giving instructions.

In the afternoon Elder Daniel Seegmiller spoke on the subject of repentance.

Elders Charles N. Carrol and Richard S. Robinson were chosen and sustained as Patriarchs. After which Elder F. M. Lyman spoke on the persecution and trials of the Saints from the beginning down until the year 1891, when the tide of persecution turned; and which the Prophet Joseph had pointed to, when he said on February 14th, 1835, that even fifty six years should wind up the scene. The Spirit of the Lord rested upon the people and speakers, and we truly felt strengthened and blessed by meeting together in conference.

A Priesthood meeting was held at 4 p. m. and David B. Stewart was sustained as bishop of Fredinia Ward in place of Brother Jensen. Lorum Pratt and William Petter were chosen as his counselors, and the S. S. conference continued in the evening.

F. L. PORTER, Stake Clerk.

BANNOCK STAKE CONFERENCE.

The Bannock Stake quarterly conference convened in Parker meeting house Sunday and Monday, September 6th and 7th. There were present all the stake presidency, most of the high council and bishops of wards.

Sunday, 10 a. m. The first session was opened by singing, "The Spirit of God like a fire is burning." Prayer by High Counselor James H. Mason. Singing, "Hail to the brightness of Zion's glad morning."

President Thomas E. Ricks congratulated the people that the Saints were permitted to assemble under such favorable circumstances. He reported the Stake satisfactorily, the people being temporally better off today as to crops than ever before, and spiritually they are progressing. Counselor Thomas E. Bassett read a series of questions which it was desired bishops should answer pertaining to the progress of their wards, and a short time was occupied giving such reports, which were satisfactory. Elder Bassett then followed, discoursing upon the imperative necessity of the people sustaining their presiding officers, tithing, educating our children and building upon townsites. Elder George Cale of the Stake academy, addressed the congregation upon the subject of education; said no name is given us more honorable than father and mother, and he desired parents to place proper environments around their children to